

Remarks

Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that the present application has been granted a special, expedited examination status.

The Examiner rejected claims 21-59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Bickford in view of DeLorme. Claims 21, 31, 41 and 50 have been amended. Accordingly, a Version with Marking to Show Changes Made to these claims is enclosed. Claims 30, 40 and 59 have been cancelled.

The invention is directed to a technique for accessing entertainment programs (e.g., radio programs) from different sources (e.g., radio stations) in a vehicle. The entertainment programs are classified in categories, e.g., country, rock and classical music, based on their content. In accordance with the invention, indicators representing the different sources are associated with such program categories. For a given category, a collection of the indicators associated with the category are displayed, thereby facilitating selection of a source represented by an indicator in the collection to receive an entertainment program classified in the given category. *See* page 43, line 30 et seq. of the specification, Fig. 18.

Bickford discloses a broadcast receiver. In the Office Action, the Examiner correctly determined that Bickford fails to teach "presenting, for a given category, a collection of one or more indicators associated with the given category, thereby facilitating selection of a source represented by an indicator in the collection to receive an entertainment program classified in the given category," as required by the claimed invention represented by claims 21 and 41. However, the Examiner incorrectly stated that such quoted limitations were taught by DeLorme.

DeLorme discloses a travel reservation information and planning system. At the outset, DeLorme does not even apply to the claimed invention which has nothing to do with travel reservation or planning as in DeLorme. Conversely, DeLorme has nothing to do with the claimed invention, which is directed to receiving entertainment programs in a

vehicle. Applicant, when reading DeLorme, has paid extreme attention to the particular section (i.e., col. 5-6, lines 1-67 of DeLorme) cited by the Examiner where the quoted limitations are allegedly taught. For the Examiner's convenience, the cited section is summarized paragraph by paragraph as follows:

(I) A CDROM product containing a database of travel information appears limited to "suggested routes of travel." Col. 5, lines 3-9 of DeLorme.

(II) Travel information from multimedia sources is limited to "canned" or prepared multimedia travelogs of prescribed, suggested or pre-planned tours. The user is deprived of an opportunity or a capability of selectivity in constructing a customized travelog of assembled multimedia information for previewing a particular user determined route of travel. The capability to permit an individual or group to execute the travel plans once developed is not provided. Col. 5, lines 10-28 of DeLorme.

(III) Attempts have been made to provide direct access to travel service providers. A Garback system permits a user to develop travel arrangements through linkage to service providers and to ticket providers. However, there is no capability to observe the travel location on a digital display in conjunction with the development of the travel arrangement. The Garback system can only provide materials necessary to travel from airport to airport and to get the basic car and hotel that most travelers require. Col. 5, lines 30-47 of DeLorme.

(IV) A Webber system is directed to weighting various flight options by expense, convenience, and availability, and giving a user travel possibilities on that basis. Col. 5, lines 49-58 of DeLorme.

(V) Like prior computer reservation services (CRS), existing Internet travel information sites are limited to commercial airline reservations. In some cases, the Internet sites provide a user with "hot links" to an overwhelming variety, number, and selection of other Internet sites containing undifferentiated and uneven amounts of travel information along with circular hot links to similar sites. Col. 5, lines 59-67 through col.

6, lines 1-7 of DeLorme.

(VI) The prior art travel arrangement systems fail in that they do not provide a complete access system that gives the user all of the information of interest and materials when travel is involved. In designing an integrated travel/activity planning system, it is important to 1) consider topics, activities, or things to do apart from a specific destination; 2) set the travel destination(s); 3) set times/dates for the start and finish of a possible trip; 4) determine the mode or modes of travel required to reach those destinations; 5) discover information regarding points of interest and activities along the travel route and/or at the destination; 6) discover information on events of interest, scheduled performances, meetings and the like as related to specific dates/times, topics and/or places; 7) get information on transportation, lodgings and other accommodations available at the destinations and/or at specified dates/times; 8) make the reservations associated with the travel, the accommodations, and the activities available, plus take advantage of diverse, special offers for goods/services from participating third party provider; 9) get the documentation necessary to carry out the travel and related activities, such as tickets, ticket vouchers, price discount or extra service coupons, etc.; 10) observe the travel route at various levels of magnification, the destinations, events of interest, travel topics, and points of interest located on a map display; and 11) get travel plan output such as a paper printout of the map display or equivalent text, audio, electronic or other output has may include information regarding the points of interest as well as physical documentation or equivalent codes that may be the tickets, etc. Col. 6, lines 8-46 of DeLorme.

(VII) There is a need for a system allowing a user to control and conduct such travel and/or activities as a function of four basic questions: Where?, What?, When?, and How? Col. 6, lines 47-54 of DeLorme.

(VIII) In summary, a new Travel Reservation and Information System (TRIPS) is suggested, which permits a user to custom-define and examine a travel route and/or plans

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based upon answers to the questions noted above. Col. 6, lines 55-67 of DeLorme.

Applicant respectfully submits that nowhere in the Examiner's cited section (summarized above) does it teach or suggest "a display for presenting thereon, for a given category, a collection of one or more indicators associated with the given category, thereby facilitating selection of a source represented by an indicator in the collection to receive an entertainment program classified in the given category," as amended claims 21 and 41 recite. Nor does the rest of DeLorme teach or suggest the same. Similarly, nowhere does DeLorme teach or suggest, among others, "a display for providing thereon an option associated with a source which provides an entertainment program classified in a selected category, the option being selectable to receive the entertainment program from the source associated therewith," as amended claims 31 and 50 recite. As such, amended claims 21, 31, 41 and 50, together with their dependent claims, are patentable over Bickford in view of DeLorme.

In view of the foregoing, each of claims 21-29, 31-39 and 41-58 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of these claims is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

21. (Amended) A system for use in a vehicle comprising:

a receiver for receiving entertainment programs provided by a plurality of sources, the entertainment programs being classified in a plurality of categories based on contents of the entertainment programs;

a processor for associating indicators, representing respective ones of the sources, with the categories of the entertainment programs provided by the sources; and

[an interface] a display for presenting thereon, for a given category, a collection of one or more indicators associated with the given category, thereby facilitating selection of a source represented by an indicator in the collection to receive an entertainment program classified in the given category.

31. (Amended) A system for use in a vehicle comprising:

a receiver for receiving entertainment programs provided by a plurality of sources, the entertainment programs being classified in a plurality of categories based on contents of the entertainment programs, at least one of the categories being selectable; and

[an interface] a display for providing thereon an option associated with a source which provides an entertainment program classified in a selected category, the option being selectable to receive the entertainment program from the source associated therewith.

41. (Amended) A method for use in a system in a vehicle for receiving entertainment programs provided by a plurality of sources, the entertainment programs being classified in a plurality of categories based on contents of the entertainment programs, the method comprising:

associating indicators, representing respective ones of the sources, with the categories of the entertainment programs provided by the sources; and

presenting on a display, for a given category, a collection of one or more indicators associated with the given category, thereby facilitating selection of a source represented by an indicator in the collection to receive an entertainment program classified in the given category.

50. (Amended) A method for use in a system in a vehicle for receiving entertainment programs provided by a plurality of sources, the entertainment programs being classified in a plurality of categories based on contents of the entertainment programs, the method comprising:

selecting one of the categories; and

providing on a display an option associated with a source which provides an entertainment program classified in the selected category, the option being selectable to receive the entertainment program from the source associated therewith.